

3rd Quarter Newsletter

2025

President's Message



Queridas Amigas, This summer was filled with exciting HWC events! We were able to share, learn, grow and honor the important contributions of las Mujeres Valerosas! In June, we learned

the art of retablo making in a workshop taught by renowned santera. Rosa María Calles. It was a tremendous success that raised funds for future HWC events and projects, while continuing this treasured tradition. Dr. María Dolores Gónzales led a powerful workshop in July honoring culture and language. She shared versos, adivinanzas, and much more. She also had so many fun activities that recognized beautiful Spanish words and phrases we use here in NM. One question she asked us was, "Do you think chicos are a rock band, small boys, or smoked corn?" It made me want to make fresh chicos and beans for dinner! Members shared how much these enjoyed the workshops and asked when a part two of this workshop will happen, which will be in the works. Then in August, we were able to "tirar chancla", as beloved member Elsie Sanchez put it, with a Folk Dance Workshop led by Lucy Salazar. There were over 50 people in attendance who learned traditional dances like El Talián, La Cuna, and La Vaquera. This workshop was professionally recorded and will be added to the HWC archive in the near future. A special thanks to Rosa María Calles, Dr. María Dolores Gónzales, and Lucy



- Upcoming Events
- Masquerade ball
- Holiday Party

Masquerade ball

LOCATION

Embassy Suites 100 Woodward Place NE Albuquerque, NM 87102

DATE AND TIME

10/25/2025 5:30 pm

Join us for a Loteria themed ball Attire is Semi- Formal Masks are optional but fun! Reception (Cash Bar) Salazar for their dedication and contributions to HWC and nuestra communidad! We have so much more in store for the rest of the year! We hope you will join us for the wonderful opportunity to meet our HWC scholarship recipients at the Meet and Greet event on September 18 th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at UNM Continuing Education. These amazing women will share their journeys, learn more about the organization, and get a chance to meet HWC members. October 25 th is our annual scholarship fundraiser Masquerade Ball important for raising funds for future scholarships. The event will be held at Embassy Suites and the fun begins at 5:30 pm. This exciting night is filled with fabulous food, performances, a silent auction, and dancing. You can't miss this important event! Please spread the word and plan on taking your friends and familia. Lastly, we are still planning the specifics for our December Holiday Party. You will hear something in the next few months so that you can mark your calendars. Hasta pronto, Comadres! Our HWC Board thanks you for all you do and looks forward to seeing you at upcoming events. Abrazos. Rosalía

Silent Auction Live Music Dinner Program

Buy Tickets

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Explore Our New Website & App!

We are excited to announce the launch of the new Hispanic Women's Council website! The site has been redesigned with a fresh look, easier navigation, and updated features to keep our members and community connected.

On the website, you'll find:

- Event Information & Registration: Stay up to date on upcoming programs and celebrations.
- Membership Resources: Renew or update your membership quickly and easily.
- News & Highlights: Read stories, announcements, and updates from the HWC community.
- Photo & Story Submissions: Share your memories and milestones with us!

→ New! HWC App
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Committee Sign-Ups

Get involved and make a difference!
Join one of our committees:

Planning Committee – Help organize and coordinate HWC events.

Mujeres Valerosas Committee-Help Plan and organize the Mujeres event. Membership Committee – Assist with member recruitment and retention efforts

Meet and greet Committee– Organize the Meet & Greet event to celebrate scholarship recipients and their families.

Masquerade Ball Committee- Plan and organize the Annual scholarship fundraiser.

Holiday Party- Plan and organize

Annual Meeting- Plan and organize

To sign up, please contact Via the info@nmhwc.org or the link below.

For even easier access, you can now download our mobile app, giving you HWC updates, event info, and resources right at your fingertips, anytime, anywhere.

Sign Up

Past events





Retablo Workshop

The Hispanic Women's Council recently hosted a beautiful and inspiring Retablo Workshop at St Therese Parish Hall. Participants spent the day connecting through art, culture, and creativity as they painted their own meaningful interpretations of the St Cecilia retablo (traditional devotional artworks that honor personal stories and heritage).

The event was a great success, bringing together members and new friends in a warm, welcoming environment. Everyone enjoyed a light lunch, snacks, and the opportunity to create something truly special.

Thank you to all who attended and helped make this event possible. Your participation and enthusiasm continue to reflect the spirit of the Hispanic Women's Council!





Language Workshop Recap

Our recent Language Workshop at the Barelas Community Center was both fun and educational! Dr. María Dolores Gonzales led a fascinating session that explored the history, nuances, and beauty of our shared language. Attendees enjoyed engaging discussions, delicious food, lively music, and a special book sale featuring works by Latina authors and illustrators from Samia's collection.

Due to the wonderful turnout and enthusiasm at our first Language Workshop, we're excited to announce that Part 2 is in the works.









New Mexico Folk Dance Workshop

We had a fantastic turnout for the New Mexico Folk Dance Workshop, hosted by the Hispanic Women's Council and our wonderful member, Lucy Gonzales. The lively

music of Tios Mios set the perfect rhythm as attendees learned and celebrated traditional dances together.









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